

Senate Resolution 881

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending The RiverMill Event Centre; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the preservation and rehabilitation of historic places have contributed to the
3 economic and social well-being of our state by revitalizing downtowns, rehabilitating historic
4 neighborhoods, attracting tourists, increasing tax bases, and creating jobs and real estate
5 investment opportunities in historic districts throughout Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, about three-quarters of a billion private dollars have been invested in
7 completing certified historic rehabilitation projects in Georgia administered by the Historic
8 Preservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources; and

9 WHEREAS, historic sites are the number one destination chosen by visitors to Georgia, and
10 heritage tourism is a major feature of Georgia's \$28 billion tourism economy that employs
11 217,000 Georgians with a return of \$1.3 billion in state and local tax revenue; and

12 WHEREAS, Columbus State University has become a recognized leader in the historic
13 preservation arena through its many innovative programs and services including its
14 sponsorship of the Preservation Award program; and

15 WHEREAS, The RiverMill Event Centre was recognized at the 41st Annual Meeting and
16 Preservation Awards program for its outstanding efforts in hosting the 2007 Heritage Ball
17 at the historic Bibb Mill; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this center be recognized appropriately
19 for its outstanding efforts.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend The RiverMill Event Centre for the superlative services it has rendered to the State
22 of Georgia through its inspired efforts on behalf of historic preservation.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to The RiverMill Event Centre.